where B, R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are as defined in claim 1,

which comprises reacting sulfohydrazines of the formula IV,

IV

M

in which B is as defined in claim 1 with diketones of the formula III,

$$\mathbb{R}^{1} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{2}} \mathbb{R}^{4} \qquad \qquad |||$$

in which the substituents are each as defined in claim-1-

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8 are pending. The above amendment eliminates multiple dependencies and places the claims in better form for U.S. practice.

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